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<u>Claims</u>

- 1. Method for the manufacture of a high temperature superconducting layer on a substrate (1a, 1b) comprising the following steps:
 - a. deposition of an RBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (2) onto the substrate (1a, 1b) with a low growth rate, wherein R represents yttrium, an element of the group of rare-earth elements (atomic number 57-71) or mixtures of two or more of these elements;
 - b. deposition of an XBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (3) onto the RBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (2) with a high growth rate, wherein X represents yttrium, an element of the group of rare-earth elements (atomic number 57-71) or mixtures of two or more of these elements.
 - 2. Method according to claim 1, wherein the low growth rate is < 1 nm/s and wherein the high growth rate is > 1 nm/s, preferably > 2 nm/s.
- 3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the RBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (2) comprises a thickness of < 500 nm, preferably < 100 nm.
 - 4. Method according to one of the claims 1-3, wherein the RBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (2) has a thickness of > 5 nm.
 - 5. Method according to one of the claims 1-4, wherein the XBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (3) has a thickness of $> 1\mu m$.

- 6. Method according to one of the claims 1-5, wherein the RBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (2) is deposited onto an at least biaxially textured substrate (1a) or a substrate with an at least biaxially textured buffer layer (1b).
- Method according to one of the claims 1 6, wherein the XBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer
 (3) is deposited as a precursor layer, comprising the metal components of the high temperature superconducting layer.
- 8. Method according to claim 7, wherein the precursor layer is transformed in a further method step by a temperature treatment with a high transformation rate into a superconducting XBa₂Cu₃O₇-layer (3).
 - 9. Method according to claim 8, wherein the transformation rate is > 2 nm/s.
- 10. Method according to one of the claims 1 9, wherein R represents a rare-earth element with a great ion radius (La, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd) or compounds comprising to at least 50% these elements in mixtures with other rare-earth elements
- 11. Layer system of a high temperature superconductor manufactured according to a method of any of the claims 1 10.